

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1915.

## Society

LOOKING FORWARD TO OTHER HAPPY EVENTS IN  
COMING SPRING—TIMELY GOSSIP—ENGAGEMENTS—TEA  
PARTIES, LUNCHEONS, GOWNS—PERSONAL MENTION

The season closed with a pleasing swing and a variety of incidents quite up to the winter's standards. Smaller events got headway again and kept a large proportion of the social world on the go. No big balls or kindred affairs marked Shrove Tuesday, which came and went without particular comment. It was not so in other sections, notably Philadelphia, where the customary season's finish, the bal masque, brought the fashionables and their friends from other cities together, including quite a number from this, and wound the gayeties up there with a final burst of splendor.

Hospitalities were resumed here since in an interesting way, with the giving of dinners, luncheons, deferred days at home and tea parties up to yesterday, when the program was again as full as any week end of the winter. Dinners for officials and other notables, cards and teas for charity, banquets and other large meetings will run right along for the next month or so and will form a large part of social activities during that period. The coming spring season, whether during Lent or after Easter, is not likely to be different from the winter, in the sense that no extended preparation is likely and a greater informality will be followed than was the custom a year or two ago. There may be an official side to the after-Easter season, which was lacking for the past six months, but that depends entirely on matters beyond the ken of social managers, and prophecies are utterly worthless at this time. A wedding now and then before Easter and quite a number of them afterward, with others to add interesting data of the same kind to each week's program, can be counted upon till June days are with us. There are known to be a number of engagements ready to be told to the reading world, and which are only held back for the wedding preparations to advance further before making the announcements to in-

## CHARMING BRIDE-TO-BE.



MISS CORA BARRY.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Barry, whose engagement to Mr. I. Rex Shoemaker was announced yesterday.

clude the date of the ceremony. All these affairs are sure to be grist for the social mill and dependable occasions at which one's spring millinery and finery will look well. Otherwise it seems as if membership in the suburban clubs will continue to be the wise investment it looked to the elders of most families, whose children are now reaping the advantage of having a place to go when the pleasures of town slacken up or the spring's early days exert a fascination best understood if enjoyed in the open.

## FEW GOING AWAY.

Departures for the south or the west or anywhere else are not numerous enough to betoken any serious breaks yet in social ranks, but the goings are mighty enviable possibilities and March will increase the number. California seems as far away as that place of which we hear so often in jingling marching music nowadays, and is almost as unknown in a way. The western land of sunshine and flowers extends its welcome in a most fascinating way, and those who can heed its call have reason to be thankful. If Florida and its charms are equally new experiences and if a tour of five or six weeks will include both, such travelers are likely to get the very best this year may offer in the way of sightseeing novelties. A few Washingtonians have all this in store for this and next month. The Jersey coast seems still the mecca for the newly married folks from this city whose southern tours get them no further than this view of the Atlantic. It is equally in vogue for the mentally and physically tired for short stays amid new scenes and new faces. It does not take much urging to get the average person in the frame of mind necessary to embark on an excursion anywhere for a few days, provided one can get sufficient diversion promised or a different brand from the home article. Still lots of people tied down to their business and families find the return journey the best part of going away, in spite of the good a change may offer.

## AMERICAN AND HOME MADE.

To be sure that their spring trousseaux are American made, which is a good enough reason for extra industry, many smart women will use their Lenten leisure, if they have any unoccupied hours remaining, in doing the work themselves. Outside the members of the richest circles, who really have no time, even if they had the ability, it is surprising how many women, matrons and maids alike, do make their own frocks, all but the tailored garments. Their dresses, wraps and hats come in, too, for as much fashionable commendation as if the names of the best known artists in these lines were on the waistbands or in the crown linings. Some of these dress and hat constructors work from pure love of it, and, perhaps, these come nearest to "expressing their souls," a reckless quotation as applied to the dress frivolities, but the majority have frankness enough to say that to

make two dresses or hats grow where there was really ways and means for only one needs home sewing as well as clever financing. The present winter has brought to the fore many beautiful dresses which must be still in splendid condition, as the opportunities to wear them have been more limited than usual. So, perhaps, when all the world's happy times come again the home dressmakers will find new sources of inspiration in getting a view of them. Last year's clothes have certainly not been seen with any marked frequency, and at the places where the most fashionable women congregate fashion's last hint has been in plentiful evidence. Whatever confidence was felt in the prospects of a gay season, the usual preparation for it in the matter of clothes apparently received the same attention as other years. Some of it was not justified by the bids to join "among those present," and in consequence represent an investment that might have been saved six months ago and been available now for Easter finery. A New England commentator on women and their clothes has recently said right out in meeting that many costumes which ordinarily should have passed long since to poor relations or discarded from one's own set anyway are doing their customary duty for their owners this winter, and that the economy which all this betokens has not prevailed since the civil war in the particular circle in mind. Naturally, being seen in the same clothes hereabouts for two years is not regarded as a proper subject for polite or considerate mention. Indeed, it often happens that some smart clothes do not get their need of notice or praise until all the newness has long since departed.

## Thompson—Bennett.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place when Miss Lucy Bell Bennett of Herndon, Va., and Mr. Samuel Marshall Thompson of Fairfax Court House, Va., were married by Elder S. L. Thompson, uncle of the groom, at his residence, Compton avenue, Laurel, Md., February 17 at 3 p.m. The bride wore a gown of

soft white satin. Her veil of lace was fastened with orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and gardenias. The ceremony was followed by a small reception to the friends in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left later for a journey south, and on their return will reside in Washington, where the groom is employed in the United States Department of Agriculture forest service as a topographical engraver.

## Dinners.

Several hundred members of the Chevy Chase Club dined and danced there last night, but most of the dinners were small and informal.

Senator and Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis had among their guests at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club last night Senator Johnson M. Camden of Kentucky, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lowndes, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Miss Margaretta Symons and Maj. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell Graef of England, who are spending the winter at 2231 Massachusetts avenue, entertained at dinner at the Chevy Chase Club last night Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Caldwell Millett of New York, their house guests; Capt. and Mrs. Theodore A. Baldwin, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lee Phillips, Mrs. Armistead Davis and Col. Treat. Mr. and Mrs. Graef have cards out for a dance February 25.

Justice Seth Shepard entertained a dinner party last night at his home in honor of the Attorney General and asked to meet him members of the bench and bar.

Col. and Mrs. W. C. Borden entertained a number of guests at dinner last night at the Chevy Chase Club.

Others entertaining at the club last night were Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Lewis, Gen. and Mrs. Charles L. Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burton.

Miss Eleanor Morgan entertained at a dinner last night in compliment to Miss Cora Barry and Mr. J. Rex Shoemaker, whose engagement was announced yesterday.

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Secretary and Mrs. Garrison, Representative and Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bliss of New York, Mrs. Niblack and Dr. Cary Grayson.

Justice Day and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus S. Day entertained at dinner last night in honor of the Chief Justice and Mrs. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Hitt entertained a dinner company last night.

## Mrs. Lane's Tea.

Mrs. Franklin K. Lane gave a beautiful reception yesterday afternoon to

celebrate the opening of the San Francisco exposition.

The house was decorated with bouquets of jonquils, tied with blue ribbons, and pyramids of oranges with blue ribbon streamers.

The state flag of California and the bear had prominent places in the decoration of the drawing room and dining room, and the guests present included the wives and daughters of all the senators and representatives in Congress.

The gracious hostess received in her front drawing room, and wore an elegant gown of taupe chiffon and champagne, and carried a bouquet of yellow flowers tied with blue.

Mrs. John W. Works, Mrs. Francis

Newlands and Mrs. Julius Kahn presided at the tea table, and the others assisting included the ladies of the California delegation—Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. John E. Baker, Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland, Mrs. Everis Anson Hayes, Mrs. Charles Webster Bell, Mrs. William D. Stephens, Mrs. A. M. Peterson, Mrs. William Kettner, Mrs. John T. Nolan, Mrs. Denver S. Church, Miss Perkins, Miss Hayes, Miss Elizabeth Kent, Miss Curry and Miss Knowland.

Miss Nancy Lane, the attractive young daughter of the household, prettily dressed in a blue frock and blue hair ribbons, assisted in the dining room.

Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Daniels were among those present.

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